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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: M. KAMINAGA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/940,985  
Filed: August 29, 2001  
For: TAMPER-RESISTANT PROCESSING METHOD  
Group: 2137  
Examiner: Z. Davis

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 1, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 1, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.